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"VOLUME 68 . . . .

We cannot let the occasion pass without calling attention to the fact the words: "Volume 68. . . ." now note the difference in the techniques appear on the guide lines of our front page. That means that we are with those of yesterday. It will be now in our 68th year of continuous publication. The first issues in our files show that this newspaper was established in January of the year 1892. This is one of, if not the very oldest continuous businesses in Appomattox County. And the business has now been under the present ownership since 1941.

For the record: we say "thanks to you" for all those wonderful people who have stood by us all of these eventful years. And, especially, we thank our Correspondents, who send us the weekly news letters we love to publish. Their efforts make a "home county" paper possible.

We pledge you that we strive to make "Volume 68" one worthy of the long tradition of this enterprise.

Challenge For 1960

Starting a New Year is something special. That applies to each and every individual and to communities as well. The mere fact that you are writing a new dateline, gives you a moment of special incentive.

It is our opinion that he greatest thing we need in our community is more job opportunities for our fine youth. And especially for our young men.

We have always felt that so long as our most capable young men have to leave the home community in order to develop their careers, WE are the losers. We need to keep our top young people right here at home!

We have some very excellent payrolls here in Appomattox. But, all too many of our most promising young people are leaving us to go to localities with more opportunity. Your editor was in Lynchburg recently and found that just one industry there employed well over 20 of our young men. The same is happening in countless other situations. Appomattox is proud of all its fine young people who go on to good careers in other localities and we want to make that clear. But why can't we get opportunities for them here at home, so they can stay here and help us build a finer county of this historic area? Let us see if we cannot contrive to offer more and better job opportunities right here at home.

Historical Days

With the month of January upon us, it is appropriate to look back over its historical significance, for in U. S. history it is an especially memorable month.

The anniversary of the Battle of Princeton (January 3rd) has already come and gone, as has the birthday anniversary of Millard Fillmore, the thirteenth President, who was born at Locke, N. Y., on January 7th, 1800.

Alexander Hamilton, one of the most brilliant figures of the Revolutionary era, was born at Charles Town, on the island of Nevis in the West Indies, on January 11, 1757. He was the son of a Scotch father and a French Huguenot mother. After he had written an outstandingly brilliant description of a West Indian hurricane, he was sent to America to be educated, and the rest of his life is a matter of history.

January 17th is the birthday anniversary of Benjamin Franklin, who was born in Boston on that date in 1706. Franklin, it is generally admitted, came as near to being a universal genius as any man this country has produced.

Other historical figures born in January are: Robert E. Lee, born January 19, 1807; "Stonewall" Jackson, born January 21, 1824; and, in later times and days, General Douglas MacArthur, born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on January 26, 1880, and the thirty-second President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was born at Hyde Park, N. Y. on January 30, 1882.

Many a business expert is able to put most of his work off on the office help.

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The trouble with substitutes for steak is that they taste like substitutes.

ON POLITICAL SPEECHES

The style of political oratory is changing and it is interesting to note the difference in the techniques of political orators today compared with those of yesterday. It will be remembered that the old-style politician was often more of an oratorical expert than he was a public official.

Before the days of television, and even radio, the old-style orator had to turn up the volume so that the fellows on the back row could hear him, and if one had a loud voice and a convincing style, plus an imposing appearance, he could usually go far in politics.

Today that is not necessarily true. The politician today, or the public office-holder, must be able to discuss the issues more directly. Flowery words and a great general philosophy, outlined in beautiful language, do not convince the voter today quite as quickly as that approach did a few years back.

In fact, the politician who has a folksy, homespun way about him—the technique introduced by the late President Roosevelt in his fireside chats— can often reach the voter's heart, whereas the oratorical blast sometimes goes over his head.

What the voter should keep in mind is that the man seeking public office should be qualified, through background and training, and should be completely honest. Politicians have to pay a price for public office. One of the costs is the necessity of staying out of any questionable venture or enterprise, and anything which might compromise one's independence in a public office.

There is nothing wrong with being a good orator, but the general trend is toward a different style of public speaking from that of the old oratorical blasts.

EXTENDING SOIL BANK

The Administration is reportedly ready to ask Congress for a three-year extension of the Farm Soil Bank. This is the program which retired surplus crop - producing land, and which has cost the government, already, some $9,000,000,000.

The decision of Administration officials to ask for a three-year extension indicates that the government plans to expand the program rather than curtail or abandon it. The new proposal, it is reported, envisions a long-range conservation reserve and the expenditure of about $500,000,000 in the first year of the new three-year period, 1961.

The eventual aim is to have about 40,000,000 acres of producible land idle by the end of the 1961 crop year. This would mean that some 10,000,000 acres, or more, would have to be retired in a single year.

It is estimated that the soil bank will hold some 28,000,000 acres, or more, by the end of 1960.

The interesting thing about this approach, is the Administration's determination to continue with the Benson philosophy of the soil bank —as a way to avoid excessive support payments and the accumulation of surpluses. So far this approach has not been successful, although proponents and opponents argue whether it is making progress towards that goal or not.

Modern life moves with such a snap and hustle that it often prevents clear thinking.

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Putting a few cents in the collection plate does not make one a philanthropist.

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Many people who do not believe in the Bible never really tried to find out what it says.

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Maybe some problems could be solved if we ran Europe, and Europe ran the U. S.

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The true believer in the honor system will accept nothing that he has not earned.

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A voter who supports a candidate for a selfish reason, has no right to complain when the man represents other selfish interests.

Play safe — drive carefully.

Washington Notes

Diplomacy Stressed

The proposed series of summit meeting smay cause both parties to put a premium on international experience in the choice of their 1160 Presidential nominees.

President Eisenhower, along with the heads of Britain and France, spoke of the desirability of a series of summit meetings recently as they formally proposed a meeting with Premier Khrushchev in Paris in April.

Tighter Tax Check Due

Income-tax men are going to take a closer look at entertainment deductions and business expenses claimed by corporations and small business men.

Dana Lathan, commissioner of internal revenue, said recently that more detailed records on such deductions will have to be kept, starting in January.

Latham said the tighter reporting is needed because there is a growing tendency by corporations, partnerships and small business men to claim tax deductions for the personal expenses of officers and employees.

Pension-Tax Rise?

Arthur S .Flemming says that the Administration is thinking about asking Congress to increase the Social Security tax withholding as part of a broad overhaul of the system.

The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare said the Administration was considering on increase in the amount of income subject to Social Security taxes. He did not say how much of an increase was being considered.

Wind Erosion Cited

Wind erosion this season damaged 200,000 acres of land in the Great Plains states, the Agriculture Department has reported.

In addition, 12,600,000 acres were in condition to blow during this winter and next spring. The findings were based on reports from 263 counties, covering 240,000,000 acres in the ten Great Plain states.

Cut In GI Trainees

Veterans enrolled for training under the Korean GI Bill this fall totaled 400,000, compared with almost 600,000 a year ago, the Veterans Administration has reported.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Is it true that sea gulls sit out the period just before a rain when the air is thin?

A careful observation of sea gulls will show that they do sit out thin air, when the flying is tough. But air does not always thin out before a rain. It does on some occasions.

What makes many beach residents think that air is thinner — just before a rain or at other times —is the clearing of the salt haze above the water. Vision then improves and the impression is that the air has thinned.

But watch the gulls. If they sit on the shore, and fly less than usual, the air has probably thinned. The birds are harder to fool than your eyesight or weather-sight. Moving air will also sometimes clear away haze, and land areas — smoke or haze, and give the impression of thinner air but this is not always true. Watch the sea gulls.

U. S. shipbuilders see bleak prospects.

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Devotional Reading: Psalm 40:1-10.

Are We Free?

Lesson for January 17, 1960

HEADLINE writing is tricky business. You have only so much room, and so cannot always say clearly what you mean. That "Are We Free?" up there in the headline could mean some things it doesn't. The question does not mean, Are Americans free? or, Are readers of this column free? The question is about Christians. Are we free?

Dr. Foreman

That still is not clear enough. Free from what? Christians are certainly free from terror in the presence of God. We are free from the burden of guilt. We are free (or have a right to be) from anxiety and worry, and especially from the fear of death. But that is not the question we mean. To get down to brass tacks, our question is this: Is a Christian free from the law of God, especially from God's law as made known to us in the Ten Commandments?

The Question Is An Old One

The first Christians held their first great convention or conference to decide on this question. The way the problem came up with them was this: The first Christian churches, you remember, were made up almost exclusively of Jews. They were brought up on their Scriptures, our Old Testament, and they took it seriously as the Word of God. They found in it not a mere Ten Commandments, but at least Six Hundred Thirteen Commandments. It may have been a chore to try to abide by all these laws spread out over pages and pages of Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. But there the laws were, and conscientious ex-Jews who became Christians brought these laws right along with them.

Now when Paul and Barnabas went out on their evangelistic tours, the churches they started were made up, for the most part, of non-Jews, and most of those people knew nothing whatever about the Old Testament.

The Jerusalem Christians kept sending messengers to these new Gentile Christian groups, telling them they really were not Christians at all, they hadn't been saved because they hadn't kept the law of God in every detail. The Gentile Christians said, Oh, but we are free from the law. The Jewish Christians said, No man is ever free from the law. So there at last had to be a great church meeting to decide who was right. There was a high debate, and finally an agreement. Scholars do not fully understand the terms of the agreement, which was sent out as a decree to all churches. But one thing is clear: the decision went against the Jerusalem church. The question really was: What do you have to do to be a Christian ? What do you have to do to be saved? The Jerusalem church had been saying, You have to do a great deal to be saved. You have to be an avowed keeper of the Law before God will even consider saving you. But the apostles had a higher view. Essentially it was this: Every one who is saved, is saved by grace—that is, by a free act of God's loving will.

Free From Slavery; Freed To Serve

The question was settled there in that great Council. But it kept coming up, and Paul had to write to the Romans and to the Galatians explaining it all over again. It comes up in our time in many ways. What do I have to do before God will come to my rescue (for that is what "save" means)? There are two common wrong answers. One is that every single law in the Old Testament is binding on each Christian. It is keeping these laws that saves us, really. In short, God saves us provided we are good enough. The other wrong answer is that God saves us regardless, and then since he has saved us we can go do as we please. We can't possibly go wrong if we have been saved. The right answer is always this: God saves us because he is good, not because we are; and having been saved, keeping his laws is then a joyous token of our gratitude. Freed from slavery, we are set free to serve. God's grace can never be earned, it can only be taken—by faith.

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That's Quee!

Toledo, Ohio.- Firemen, burning an old barn to test their techniques, scored better in "arson" than in firefighting.

Touched off when fireman Ken Ehrsam sloshed gasoline about and ignited it, flames destroyed the barn in fifteen minutes flat—while firemen fought hard to contain blaze.

Major Brazilian parties electoral alliance.

Castro paper calls an invasion imminent.

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About The Home

By Frances Dell

Like any other large and expensive piece of equipment, a home should be inspected periodically if it is to be kept in smooth operating condition. Since winter months always do the most damage, spring is the time for making a seasonal check-up and attending to the necessary repairs.

If your husband is a do-it-yourselfer, he will want to see that all minor repairs are promptly attended to. The results of not doing this can be serious and expensive later on.

An example of how neglect often magnifies an otherwise simple repair job is the way some home owners feel toward attending to a door which sticks or binds. A problem of this kind can usually be corrected by a few minutes' work with a plane, or by tightening up hinge screws which have become loose. Neglect may cause the door to warp or twist, and may force it so completely out of shape that it can never be fixed.

A list of areas that need checking each spring would include the following: heating plant, roof repairs, stucco or siding, paint job, fences, gutters and downspouts, walking, termitesn sticking doors, and windows.

Check around all foundation walls, crawl spaces, and basement areas, for possible signs of termite activity. Eliminate all possible connections between the ground and the wooden parts of the house.

Watch for terminte tunnels (these are clay-like tubes or columns) along the outside of concrete walls or foundations. Termites often build these to get from the ground to the wooden parts of the house.

Health and Beauty

We have read that the new creams on the market today have reached an ultimate in technical brilliance and complexity and that we can depend on them doing what the industry promises.

There is not a woman alive who does not hope with all her heart that this is true. The secret of their success lies in part in the manner of application. Never just slap it on — creams must be worked into the skin if the battle against wrinkles is to be won.

Anti-wrinkle creams fall in two different groups. One group is designed to prevent the external causes of the skin's aging; the other is to combat some of the internal causes.

The new moisturizers are the important members of the first group. The second group includes preparations with serums, vitamnis, placenta, or estrogenic hormones.

The home or salon facial treatment can be expected to cleanse, brighten and smooth the face — temporarily. The benefits of a good facial are noticeable immediately, and, if the treatment is continued over the years, will help greatly in keeping the skin in good condition.

We are hearing a lot lately about facial exercise. Many European women have made use of this for years and have produced outstanding results, almost as helpful as a plastic face-lifting.

Certainly the foundation of any beauty campaign is proper nutrition. Adequate protein helps tone the muscles that firm the skin. Make certain that your diet offers plenty of all the important vitamins.

In Fashion Now

Patio fashions have become a standard type of American clothes found in all leading American designers' collections. These designs are at home on a city rooftop or in a country garden.

One interesting example is a pinafore, cut like a little girl's, in pale pink cotton frosted with white eyelet. It has a wrap around skirt that closes in back with pearl buttons.

Cover-alls of sharkskin are another popular design. You can look for sharkskin to be one of the leading fabrics of the coming season.

Elegant culottes, tapered to the knee, have full skirts attached and have a very new look. They are comfortable and very becoming.

You will see many skinny sheaths for spring and summer. If you have over-indulged during the Christmas season, you had better start to get into shape or you'll be sorry!

The strapless dress is back in favor with the fashion - minded woman. Strapless designs will be seen in cocktail and in evening garments.

Foxy!

Braintree, England.- A farmer, Claude Grimwood, was fined $14 for setting illegal fox traps, one of which snared a policeman.

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WOOL GROWERS SHOULD KEEP RECORDS

Wool growers who marketed lambs this fall or who sold shorn wool of the 1959 clip should keep adequate records of their sales, C. D. Lewis, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, advises.

He urged farmers to keep good records so that they will be able to make proper applications for payment under the wool incentive program. The applications must be filed with ASC by April 30, 1960, for payments on wool sold in 1959.

The sales record for unshorn lambs sold must include the name of the buyer, his signature in the original on the sales slip, the number of lambs sold, their liveweight, and must bear the description, "unshorn."

The sales record for shorn wool sold must include the name of the buyer, his signature, the number of pounds sold, and the exact amount of money received. A correct reporting of the amount received is very important as the amount of incentive payment is computed on this figure.

Incentive payments will be made on 1959 wool sold in the summer of 1960.

Anything But Temporary

Washington.- Thirty years ago a young lawyer was given what he was told was a temporary job with the Petroleum Association of America, with an office in Washington.

The lawyer, Russell B. Brown has retired at age 70, having been with the Association ever since.

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Business might be compared with the individual in that through sharing their resources and ideas they are Cooperating to make our world a better place in which to live.

Our economy has progressed in our great country because, we, the people, have learned that accomplishments are greater through Cooperative effort.

In 1960, let us keep foremost in our minds that as individuals, organizations or businesses we can make the great saying "together we stand, divided we fall" a reality, by the way we Cooperate with our fellowman and by sharing our God-given resources with people the world over.

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